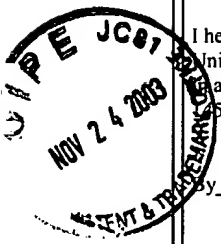


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The references cited on the attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each reference is enclosed.

JP 5-44783 shows a bracket vertically mounted to a bicycle frame.

JP 6-48368 shows a motor mounted to a chain stay

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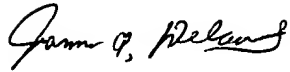
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